1	2	3	4
2.	Severely malnourished children (6-72 months)	Rs.2.70	Rs.6.00
3.	Pregnant women and Nursing mothers	Rs.2.30	Rs.5.00

Children suffering from malnutrition

2322. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a huge number of children below 10 years of age are suffering from malnutrition in the country, both in urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As per National Family Health Survey-III (NFHS-III) 2005-06 of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the percentage of under weight children under 5 years of age in the country is 42.5%. State-wise details are given in statement-I. (*See* below) However, the data of underweight children between 5-10 years is not available.

(c) Malnutrition is a multifaceted problem, the determinants of which vary from food insecurity, female illiteracy, poor access to health-care, safe drinking water, sanitation and poor purchasing power. Early marriages of girls, teenage pregnancies resulting in low birth weight of the new borne, poor breastfeeding and complementary feeding practices, ignorance about nutritional needs of infants and young children and repeated infections further aggravate the situation.

The Government is seized of the problem of malnutrition and is implementing a number of schemes through out the country, which directly or indirectly improve the nutritional status of women and children. A list of the Schemes being implemented by various Ministries is at Statement-II.

Statement-I

State-wise prevalence of under weight children under age 5 years

India 42.5%

Sl.No.	Region	Percentage
1	2	3
	North	
1.	Delhi	26.1
2.	Haryana	39.6
3.	Himachal Pradesh	36.5

1	2	3
4.	Jammu and Kashmir	25.6
5.	Punjab	24.9
6.	Rajasthan	39.9
7.	Uttaranchal	38.0
	Central	
8.	Chhattisgarh	47.1
9.	Madhya Pradesh	60.0
10.	Uttar Pradesh	42.4
	East	
11.	Bihar	55.9
12.	Jharkhand	56.5
13.	Orissa	40.7
14.	West Bengal	38.7
	North-East	
15.	Arunachal Pradesh	32.5
16.	Assam	36.4
17.	Manipur	22.1
18.	Meghalaya	48.8
19.	Mizoram	19.9
20.	Nagaland	25.2
21.	Sikkim	19.7
22.	Tripura	39.6
	West	
23.	Goa	25.0
24.	Gujarat	44.6
25.	Maharashtra	37.0
	South	
26.	Andhra Pradesh	32.5
27.	Karnataka	37.6
28.	Kerala	22.9
29.	Tamil Nadu	29.8

Source: National Family Health Survey (NFHS-III)

Statement-II

Schemes and Programmes being implemented by various Ministries to Tackle the Problem of Malnutrition among the population

(i) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme (Ministry of Women and Child Development);

(ii) National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid Day Meal Scheme) (Department of School Education and Literacy);

(iii) Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls in 51 districts to provide free foodgrains to undernourished adolescent girls (Ministry of Women and Child Development)

(iv) Nutrition Education and Training Programmes of Food and Nutrition Board (Ministry of Women and Child Development);

(v) Reproductive and Child Health (RCH-II) Programme under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).

(vi) Prime Minister's initiative:

PMO has constituted a National Council of India's Nutrition Challenges for Policy Directions, Review and Effective Coordination between Ministries so as to address the country's nutrition challenge.

(vii) Department of Food and Public Distribution has three programmes namely;

Targeted Public Distribution System, Antodaya Anna Yojana, Annapurna Scheme.

(viii) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has two programmes namely; Increased Food Production, Horticulture Interventions.

(ix) Ministry of Rural Development has two schemes namely, National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme, Swajaldhara.

Violation of court guidelines by schools

2323. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many schools in the national capital are blatantly violating apex court's guidelines regarding the pre-schooling;

(b) whether Government is also aware about the selling of forms at exorbitant price and also seeking of income proof from parents;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken any action to rectify such activities through concerned authorities and whether any schools have been derecognised so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As informed by the Government of National Capital Territory Delhi, no such complaint has been received by them.